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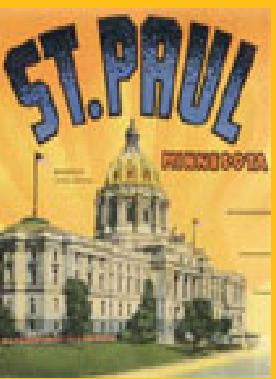
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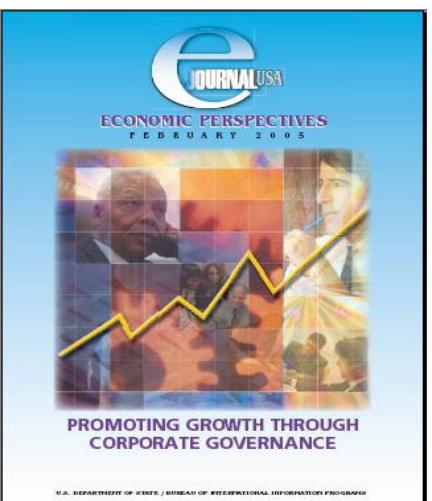
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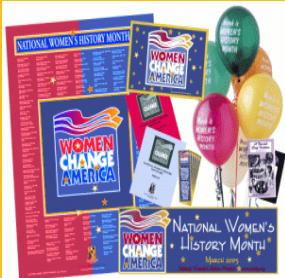
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DEMOCRACY & HUMAN RIGHTS

1. VOTE RATINGS

By Richard E. Cohen. *National Journal*, Vol. 37, No. 7, February 12, 2005, pp. 420-425

The author explores the voting record of seven Republican and six Democratic U.S. Senators who are considered potential candidates in the 2008 U.S. presidential election. His analysis of the detailed voting patterns of many Senators revealed that some are more conservative or liberal than the popular media presents. Cohen notes, for example, that Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, widely believed to be one of the most liberal U.S. Senators, voted with conservative members of the Senate on several key issues such as the economy and foreign policy. The article also includes many insightful charts that outline, among other things, the most liberal and conservative members of the Senate.

2. THE CASE FOR SHARED SOVEREIGNTY

By Stephen D. Krasner. *Journal of Democracy*. January 2005, Vol.16, Iss. 1; pp. 69-84.

One of the major foreign policy challenges of the contemporary era, indeed perhaps the major challenge, is how to encourage the development of well-functioning polities that provide security, social services, and opportunities for work. Democracy, a system of governance that allows citizens to express their views and, more importantly, hold government official accountable for their

actions, is the most effective although not the only way to achieve and sustain such a polity. Important determinants of democratic development have been underlying socioeconomic conditions and institutional changes initiated by strategically calculating political elites.

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND TRADE

3. DEMYSTIFYING OUTSOURCING

By Mary Amiti and Shang-Jin Wei. *Finance & Development*, Vol. 41, No. 41, December 2004, pp. 36-39

Amiti and Wei, both at the International Monetary Fund, say that all the media hype about job losses in the United States due to outsourcing services to developing countries is simply not true. In addition to outsourcing services, they note, the U.S. is an even larger exporter of services -- with a net surplus in all services, in contrast with its deficit in goods trade. Service outsourcing is growing rapidly, but it is still a small fraction of industrial countries' GDP; and it is not dominated by lopsided one-way outsourcing from developed to developing countries, they explain. Furthermore, their studies suggest that job losses in one industry are often offset by jobs created in other growing industries.

The books, articles, and web sites described in the Article Alert present a diversity of views in order to keep our IRC users abreast of current issues and concerns in the United States. These items represent the views and opinions of the authors and do not necessarily reflect official U.S. Government policy.

4. THE LONG-RUN CONSEQUENCES OF TRADE AND OUTSOURCING

By David Colander. Challenge, Vol. 48, No. 1, January/February 2005, pp. 94-103

Colander, distinguished professor of economics at Middlebury College, says that the United States is, or will be in the next decade, entering into a period of long-run relative structural decline, which will be marked by economic malaise and a continued loss of good jobs. The law of comparative advantage, frequently cited to defend more trade, states that economic benefits will accrue to those with comparative advantage and has historically held true -- but it assumes highly limited capital, social/institutional, and technological transferability, he explains. Technology has opened up many more prospects for new and greater mobility of all aspects of production and services, he states, which will give new precedence to the central economic rule called the "law of one price" -- equal goods and equal factors will eventually receive equal pay. The U.S. still has strong comparative advantages, but increasing mobility of production and competition from global markets will mean that the law of one price will continue to chip away at the U.S. economy, writes Colander.

5. DEMOGRAPHICS AND THE CULTURE WAR

By Stanley Kurtz. Policy Review, Feb/Mar 2005, Iss. 129; pp. 33-47.

The ever-decreasing size of the family may soon expose a fundamental contradiction in modernity itself. Fertility rates have been falling throughout the industrialized world for more than 30 years, with implications that are only just now coming into view. Growing population has driven the economy, sustained the welfare state, and shaped modern culture. A declining population could conceivably put the dynamic of modernization into doubt. Here, Kurtz discusses the cultural and economic consequences of declining birthrates.

GLOBAL ISSUES

6. COMPANY RESEARCH USING U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SOURCES

By Jennifer C Boettcher. Online, Mar/Apr 2005, Vol.29, Iss. 2; pp. 19-25.

To find which patents a company owns, search by "assignee." This will give an indication of which innovative direction the company has chosen to support. The Trademark Electronic Search System (TESS) "owner" search will indicate which past ideas have been discarded. You can choose to search either for "live" or "dead" trademarks, or both. A search of the dead ones for Microsoft, for example, reveals it has abandoned the trademark for "Microsoft TV."

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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

7. CYCLING OUT OF CONTROL: THE NUCLEAR CONUNDRUM

By Lawrence Scheinman and William Potter. Harvard International Review, Vol. 26, No. 4, Winter 2005, pp. 24-27

The authors, both professors at the Monterey Institute of International Studies, note that the world is still trying to deal with the challenge of developing peaceful uses of atomic energy while preventing the spread of nuclear weapons. The Nonproliferation Treaty has been the single biggest achievement toward this goal, however Scheinman and Potter write that much has changed from the Cold War environment in which the NPT was signed. They note that key changes are strengthening International Atomic Energy Agency inspections and endeavors such as the Proliferation Security Initiative, in which coalitions of nations work together to interdict the illicit trade of nuclear weapons. They note that there are no simple solutions to controlling the spread of nuclear technologies, and "no government or international entity can afford to ignore the dilemma," as energy demand continues to grow and nuclear power will be called on to meet that demand.

8. WHAT WAS THE THIRD WORLD REVOLUTION?

By Clifford Geertz. Dissent, Winter 2005, Vol.52, Iss. 1; pp. 35-46.

Between 1945 and 1965, about 54 new, independent states, with borders, capitals, armies, leaders, policies, and names appeared in the world. Between 1965 and the end of the century, 57 more appeared. Geertz presents a discussion on what was the third world revolution? Among other things, he cites that the formation of distinct and persistent political styles, the deceleration of nation-making, and the lingering hold of liberationist ideals is taking place in the context of the global reformatting that decolonization and the dismemberment of empire brought into being.

U.S. SOCIETY & VALUES

9. THE TRUTH ABOUT HARVARD

By Ross Douthat. The Atlantic Monthly, March 2005, Vol.295, Iss. 2; pp. 95-100.

At the beginning of every term, Harvard students enjoy a one-week "shopping period," during which they can sample as many courses as they like and thus-or so the theory does-concoct the most appropriate schedule for their semesters. The enthusiasm evaporates quickly once the shopping period ends. Douthat comments that though it may be hard to get into Harvard, it's easy to get out without learning much of enduring value at all.

10. THE OMBUDSMAN PUZZLE

By Jennifer Dorroh. American Journalism Review, February/March 2005, pp. 49-53

The relationship between the public and the media is troubled. It seems logical for a news outlet to assign someone to listen to audience concerns and analyze its news coverage. So why are there so few ombudsmen? Dorroh discusses the role played by an ombudsman in keeping the standards and credibility in journalism. It seems logical for a news outlet to assign someone to listen to audience concerns and analyze its news coverage.

11. GOD ON THE QUAD

By Naomi Riley. The American Enterprise, March 2005, Vol.16, Iss. 2; pp. 22-27.

Cultural discernment, that is, teaching students the best of what secular culture has to offer and providing them with the tools for examining it, requires constant vigilance and much forethought from religious college leaders, but the rewards for success are tremendous. Striking the right balance means producing graduates who are unafraid of the world, can participate in some aspects of it, change other parts of it, and all the while maintain their religious grounding.

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